

Abstract

An optical recording medium: which includes a main-information area in which a metal reflection film is formed on a substrate where a row of pits is formed as main data, and a sub-information area in which medium identification information is recorded which is used to identify the optical recording medium individually by removing the metal reflection film partially and forming a plurality of reflection-film removed areas; and whose information is reproduced by irradiating the metal reflection film with a beam of light, in which in the sub-information area, a row of pits or a groove is formed on the substrate, and the track pitch of the row of pits or the groove is $0.24\mu\text{m}$ or wider and $0.45\mu\text{m}$ or narrower.